

**Town of Royalston  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
Tuesday, October 3, 2006  
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Andrew West, Chairman; Thomas Kellner, Clerk; and Linda Alger, Member.

1. Chairman West called the meeting to order.
2. Acknowledgements/Announcements/Correspondence:
  - a) The Board has received a letter from Jonathan Tuttle stating that a Disability Retirement program was part of the recent union agreement. He requested that the town research options.
  - b) The provisional appointment of Dan Jolly, Gas & Plumbing Inspector, has expired. Mr. West will ask Mr. Jolly to come in to meet with Board.
  - c) Mr. West has checked with the Tree Warden regarding the poles on Toney Road. There are trees that need to come down. A tree hearing is scheduled for 10/10/06. Approval of poles is on hold pending the tree hearing. A hearing for removal of trees on Brown Road will also be held on that date.
  - d) Mr. Kellner spoke with Verizon regarding the switchover of the phone system in South Royalston. They are hoping to get all houses on "Mode 1", which would mean a direct connection from each phone line to the central office. A public relations representative is due to come to the Board's 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in November. Keith Newton reported that the lines at Fire Station #2 and the DPW have also been affected.
  - e) Mr. Kellner has received information from the Trustees of Reservations relating to discontinued roads.
  - f) Gary Winitzer has been working on upgrades for AED's and provided the Board with cost information. Mr. West said that it might require a town meeting article for purchase of upgrades. Ms. Alger suggested that the funds be taken out of the Fire Department budget. Mr. West will speak with Mr. Winitzer & Chief Newton to get more information.
3. The Board reviewed the warrant for the November 7 election. Mr. Kellner made a motion to approve the warrant. Ms. Alger seconded the warrant, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.
4. Department Head Reports:
  - a) Police Department –
    - 1) Chief Deveneau presented the Board with information relating to the process for hiring for vacancies in his department. He requested that the Board review the process and that they meet with him to look at the list of candidates at a later date.
    - 2) Public Safety Day at Wal-Mart – Roland Hamel & Sherry Miner participated. Wal-Mart donated \$250 to the Fire & Police Departments for safety programs within the community.
  - b) DPW –
    - 1) Keith Newton reported that the water filter system discharge location at the Village School is more extensive than originally thought. He is concerned about meeting DEP standards and is unsure about where to locate the discharge. The project will require more excavating than he thought. The licensed water operator wants the discharge to be as far away from the building

as possible, which will require a lengthy trench. Mr. Kellner said that the town is obligated for this work as worded in the grant. Mr. Newton questioned where the money would come from, as he didn't plan for it in his budget. The cost of stone & material is approximately \$1500. Ms. Alger suggested that an article for the funds be put on the next Special Town Meeting warrant. Mr. Kellner recommended that the money be taken from the DPW budget, and then reimbursed by a town meeting article.

- 2) Mr. Newton feels that there may be a problem with the fence recently put up on the radius at the Village School as the pressure treated lumber may interfere with the public water system.
  - 3) Route 32 Update: A meeting with Mass. Highway was held last Friday. Downsizing of some of the scope of work was discussed. The project will eventually require extensive reporting & hearings. Discussion was held regarding lowering the speed limit on the road.
5. Update on Zoning Bylaw Project: Kim MacPhee and Vyto Andreliunas gave an update. Eight meetings have been held to this point. The consultant has completed approximately 80% of the task he was hired to do. Documents have been posted on the town's website and made available at meetings. He has evaluated the bylaw as it stands now and noted internal inconsistencies, gaps, and sections that no longer conform to current state law. These recommendations can be considered administrative. More substantial changes have also been recommended & discussed, such as an accessory dwelling model and a home occupation model. If the more substantial changes were adopted by town meeting, there would be considerable alterations. Over the next few months, they plan to try to target outreach. Language from the consultant needs to be presented to people so they are comfortable with it. Discussion was held regarding the process for public hearings and strategy about when to bring the changes to a town meeting.
6. Old Business:
- a) Mr. West has sent a letter to National Grid requesting that they replace the burned out streetlight bulbs.
  - b) Variations of types of ID's for town employees were discussed.
7. The Treasury Warrant was signed.
8. Mr. Kellner made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Minutes recorded via audiotape by Diana Newton.